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the Newsletter of the Chillicothe, Ohio Branch

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November, 2013

- Nov 12 Drama Club, 7:00 PM
- Money Smart, 6:30 PM
- Nov 19 **(new) Paper Magic Study Group, 7:00 PM**



Remembering Barbara "Bobbie" Reitz

Born December 26, 1931, in Teaneck, NJ, Barbara was a 1953 graduate of Bucknell University where she received her BA Degree in English and where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority. She was a member and former Elder at the First Presbyterian Church. Bobbie was President of AAUW Chillicothe (1988-1989) and vice-president for an AAUW Chapter in Maryland. Barbara was listed in editions of Marquis' WHO'S WHO OF AMERICAN WOMEN and WHO'S WHO IN THE MIDWEST. She was a poet, writer and caring mother. A memorial service was held on Saturday, November 9 in the Ware Funeral Home, with Rev. James W. Grove officiating. Bobbie will be missed in our Branch, especially at the monthly Lunch Bunch gatherings, which she coordinated in recent years. As is our custom, a donation in her memory will be sent to the Ohio University Foundation for our Branch Endowment Scholarship Fund.

Thursday – November 21, 2013

@ OU-C Child Development Center



6:45 PM Social & Refreshments

7:00 PM Program: **"Teachers: The Real American Heroes"**
 Guest Speaker: **Dr. Randy Overbeck**
 Sponsored by: Heroic Teacher Press

This program is open to the public and has been advertised. Invite a teacher you know to attend.

8:00 PM Business Meeting

8:30 PM Adjourn

"Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research."

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

MONTHLY STUDY GROUP SCHEDULE

- 1st week: (Tues, 4:00 PM, Board meetings)
Wed, 12:30 PM, Lunch Bunch
Thurs, 1:00 PM, Bridge Club
- 2nd week: Tues, 6:30 PM, Money Smart
Tues, 7:00 PM, Drama Group
- 3rd week: Tues, 7:00 PM, Paper Magic
Thurs, 9:30 AM, Book Club
Thurs, 1:00 PM, Bridge Club
- 4th week: Branch Meeting, day varies, see *Yearbook* for details

STUDY GROUP NEWS

MONEY SMART: from Cathy Dresbach, Study Group Chair

We will be meeting for our Money Smart financial discussion group this Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Please join us at 28 N. Mulberry St at the Edward Jones Investment office. Give me a buzz with any questions! 775-5630 or 656-3363.

DINNER CLUB:

Everyone is invited to join our Study Group, which meets monthly from January to June. Club members host one dinner party in their home and plan the menu. Dinner guests prepare dishes from the menu. It's a lot of fun! Spouses welcome. Call Marcia Austin to join the group.

(new) PAPER MAGIC: Come one, come all

Following the very well-attended card-making workshop at the October Branch meeting (31 people participated), we are happy to announce the formation of a new Study Group called Paper Magic! The first meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 19** at the OU-C Child Development Center from **7:00-8:30 PM**. The first meeting will be led by Laurel Evans and Maryjo Flamm-Miller. If you are interested in **making greeting cards**, come to this inaugural meeting. We will discuss and decide key features of the study group, including: when and where to meet, who will lead each meeting, and possible projects for the year.

Here is the project for November 19: CHRISTMAS CARDS

Maryjo & Laurel will show 2-4 examples of cards and bring supplies so you can make them. Bring a few dollars to help pay for these supplies.

You should bring your own "artist suitcase" which includes:

- sharp scissors
- glue stick
- set of blank cards/envelopes (*such sets can be purchased at Joann Fabric or Hobby Lobby; look online or in the Gazette for 40% off coupons*)

Additional recommended items for your suitcase include:

- color pencils
- fine tip permanent black marker
- black ink pad
- baby wipes
- Apron

Everyone is asked to bring for sharing any Christmas rubber stamps, ink pads, idea magazines or books, art supplies, or decorative paper. **Please call or email Maryjo so we can expect you.**

BRANCH MEETING MINUTES: October 26, 2013

Book Sale

Tentative Profit from book sale is \$5,433. Still expecting some bills.

A list of pros and cons for holding another book sale were handed out.

A major reason for holding another is that nearly every member is involved in the project.

A major reason for not holding another is all the work involved.

Budget

A membership vote approved the budget after Joanna Tsitroulis made the motion and Cathy Dresbach seconded it.

Upcoming Events:

Next Branch meeting is Thursday, Nov 21 at 6:45 pm at the OU-C Child Development Center. Randy Overbeck, author of the fiction thriller No Child Left Behind, will be speaking on heroic teachers. Joyce Atwood will be asked to invite teachers from the County to attend.

The Money Smart Study Group will meet at Cathy's office at 28 N. Mulberry on Thursday, Nov 14 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Topics discussed can help attendees improve their financial literacy; Cathy, a registered representative, facilitates the meeting using her company's newsletter written in lay language and uses a question-and-answer approach. Cathy suggested that one way to start learning about your finances is to gather all of your important papers into one place and keep them in a binder, for example, a list of all your financial accounts; copies of wills, powers of attorney, and living wills; last year's tax return; and so forth.

Diane Diekroger and Debra Nickels invited everyone to attend the Coalition Against Domestic Violence event at Ohio University-Chillicothe on Tuesday, Oct 29, 2013. A memorial stone will be rededicated outside of Bennett Hall beginning at Noon. If it's raining, the event will be held inside the Stevenson Center.

Member News

Dottie DePugh had throat surgery this past week; a Sunshine Card has been sent.

Pat Barada had a heart stent put in this past week; a Sunshine Card will be sent.

Joanna Tsitroulis has served as Hospitality Chair for the last 3+ years; she was recognized for her wonderful service to the Branch. Diane Kistler has volunteered to take over the post. A sign-up sheet was passed around for members to volunteer to bring food and beverage for this year's meetings. Diane will be asking other members to help fill out the year. Please offer to take a month.

Meeting Program

Maryjo Flamm-Miller and her sister, Patti Lyon, facilitated a hand-made greeting card workshop, during which attendees made greeting cards at \$1.00 each for the benefit of our OU Foundation Endowment scholarship. Attendees had the opportunity to donate greeting cards for the Silent Auction at next year's State Convention, too.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Brown, substituting for Branch Secretary Ginny Taynor

APPRECIATIONS

Diane Diekroger sends out a great big THANK YOU to the following members who brought yummy refreshments to our Saturday, October 26 Book Sale After-Party:

Marcia Austin
Pam Derringer
Iolene Powell

Carolyn Bethel
Terri Harris-Downing
Tina Sowers

Sue Colley
Diane Kistler

Cindy Daniels
Debra Nickles

HOSPITALITY

Our new Hospitality Chair, Diane Kistler, is arranging helpers to provide the snacks and desserts for our monthly meetings in the coming year. Please volunteer, or say "Yes" when she asks you to participate.

News from the November 4 Board Meeting:

Member News:

We discussed the nomination of **Chrissy Park** as a special alumnae in the OU-C Heritage Day program. Chrissy was suggested and nominated by Debra Nickles in recognition of her contributions to the Branch as the developer of our online presence with the website and Facebook page. Everyone felt it was a great idea and good PR. Even though OU-C chose another nominee for the award, we're proud of Chrissy and grateful for her work!

October Board Minutes were not available.

Finance:

Treasurer Mary Martin presented the Book Sale report. \$5,261.17 was net of the Book Sale. All members will vote on how to spend the 10% net of the sale at the next meeting. Mary suggested the following be included in the distribution: \$3,000 to Janney Montgomery, \$1,000 for Endowment, \$735 to be decided. The treasurer's report was given and filed for audit.

Programs:

Karla Hanson reported that Heroic Teachers program was finalized for Nov. 21. Karla will call Diane Kessler to arrange refreshment. The following organizations will be contacted to announce to their members. Retired Teachers (Joyce Atwood), Chillicothe Gazette Web site (Karla Hanson), PSAs and Gazette news release (Karen Reider), Chillicothe Chamber web site (Joyce).

The October Book Sale After-Party had 30 members and 1 guest participate. \$172 was raised for the Endowment.

New Study Group proposal:

After discussion, Mary Martin moved that AAUW board endorse the new *Paper Magic Study Group*, initially to be coordinated by Laurel Evans and Maryjo Flamm-Miller. Karen Reider second it. The motion carried.

Board Business:

The Board agreed that the next Board meeting should be in January. The Board needs to work on the following areas: By-Laws, STARZ Award, Daffodil Diversity Award application, and planning for the February 22, "Hats" event for girls. Rush Rodgers and JoAnn Benseler have confirmed that they will attend. Karla Hanson has been working on the program.

Announcement:

Joyce Atwood announced that the books have a new home. Martha Rittinger called and the new home is in a barn she has between Gerber and Plum. She is having a key made for us.

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

Submitted by Chrissy Park, Public Policy Chair

Did Your Representative Use Women's Health as a Bargaining Chip?

The federal government shutdown furloughed tens of thousands of federal employees and shocked our already fragile economic recovery, just to name a few of the effects. But before the shutdown even began, your representative may have already done something truly unacceptable.

Late at night on September 28, the House of Representatives voted to fund the government through mid-December – but the bill they passed contained a provision that would allow employers to use their personal beliefs to restrict their women employees' access to health care.

Call to find out if your representative voted for this bill. If he/she supported the bill, you'll see a message you can send to let your representative know that this vote was unacceptable. If he/she opposed the bill, you'll see a thank-you message you can send. Imagine your boss being able to say he's opposed to HPV vaccinations that help prevent cervical cancer? Or that she opposes birth control services that help women plan and space their pregnancies for healthier children?

Not so shockingly, there's no similar provision that would in any way affect preventive health care for men, such as limiting access to prostate exams and other services. Sarcasm aside, there shouldn't be attempts to limit anyone's access to preventive care. This issue is too important to be used to score political points, much less hold the federal budget hostage.

We can't let the House of Representatives get away with using women's preventive health care as a bargaining chip in the current budget showdown. Find out how your representative voted and contact your representative today!

Contact our representative: (Who voted FOR the bill)
Rep. Steve Stivers, OH Phone:(202) 225-2015 Fax:(202) 225-3529

*Here is the suggested wording from the AAUW Take Action website:

On behalf of the 165,000 bipartisan members and supporters of the American Association of University Women, I write to express my outrage that you voted for HJ Res 59, the federal spending bill that would allow employers to use their personal beliefs to restrict women employees' access to preventive health care.

AAUW strongly opposes any attempt to limit the rights of women to access safe, accessible, affordable, and comprehensive preventive health care – including contraception, immunizations, mammograms, and other live-saving measures. Not so shockingly, there's no similar provision in HJ Res 59 that would in any way affect preventive health care for men, such as limiting access to prostate exams and other services. Sarcasm aside, there shouldn't be attempts to limit anyone's access to preventive care. This issue is too important to be used to score political points, much less hold the federal budget hostage.

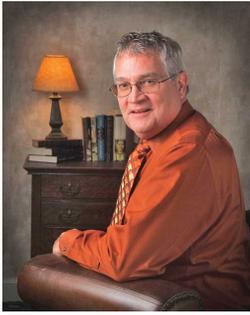
Your vote on HJ Res 59 will hurt women, restricting critical preventive healthcare such as annual exams, birth control, and immunization. This is completely unacceptable. I look forward to your response.

Call, or mail a letter to:

Steve Stiver's Central Ohio District Office:

3790 Municipal Way Hilliard, OH 43026

T (614) 771-4968 F (614) 771-3990



November Program Speaker: Dr. Randy Overbeck

Our debut author comes to Heroic Teacher Press with quite a pedigree, both in education and in writing. Dr. Overbeck is a veteran educator who has devoted four decades to the service of children as a teacher, college professor and school leader. He has worked with thousands of teachers, custodians, secretaries and administrators in schools, large and small, rural and suburban. He knows schools and his writing has vividly captured the drama of the world of education

For his educational leadership and advocacy for children, Dr. Overbeck has won recognition from state and national organizations including the National Teacher Leader Award in 2003 from Reading Recovery Council of North America (RRCNA)

For the past twenty years, Dr. Overbeck has also been a sought-after speaker, presenting to small school staffs as well as large conferences. His speaking experiences run the gamut from serving as a keynote speaker at a national conference, to an invited guest speaker at state legislative sessions, to a participant in a federal policy debate at an educational conference. Over the years, thousands of educators, parents, politicians have been educated, informed, and entertained by Dr. Overbeck on such varied topics as politics and education, maximizing student achievement and teachers. He has been invited to share his inspiring tribute, "Teachers: the Real American Heroes" to more than a hundred audiences all across the country.

Dr. Overbeck's first work of fiction, *Leave No Child Behind*, was selected as the 2011 Silver Award Winner for Thriller of the Year from ReadersFavorite.com.